Municipality Bill of Kolar Gold Fields.

Q.—507. Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—(Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Govenment be pleased to state :—

what happened to the K.G.F. Muncipality Bill ?

A.— Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

Consequent on the nationalisation of Kolar Gold Mines further action in respect of the K.G.F. Municipal Bill could not be taken.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—May I know when was this Bill prepared ?

*Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It was in 1953-54.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—May I know when was the Kolar Gold Mines nationalised ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Recently. I do not know the exact date.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Is the Nationalisation of Kolar Gold Mines the only difficulty for introducing this Municipal Bill ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—That is not the only cause.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—May I know whether the Government have altogether dropped the proposal of introducing this Bill ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It has not yet been completely dropped.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—It is said in the answer: "Consequent on the nationalisation of Kolar Gold Mines, further action in respect of the K.G.F. Municipal Bill could not be taken." What has the nationalisation of Kolar Gold Mines to do with the Municipalisation of Kolar Gold Fields ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It has something to do. There are two bodies functioning in that area. One is the Sanitary Board and the other the Mining Board. So we had to take into consideration the amalgamation of the Mining Board with the Sanitary Board. Unless we take their consent, it would be difficult to merge that area into the Sanitary Board area.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it not a fact that the Select Committee that went into this question did provide for the complete concurrence of all the political parties in K.G.F. that there should be a Municipality for the non mining area only ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—True. But the Select Committee Report could not be implemented because of the integration of States.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that the Select Committee made a Report and the Bill was ready in 1953-54. What prevented the Government from bringing the Municipal Bill into force in 1954 itself ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It could not be introduced before Mining Nationalisation and then after nationalisation, the condition was altered. We had to consult the agency functioning in the Mining Board.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Was not nationalisation contemplated as early as in 1954 ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It was contemplated but not implemented.

Sri A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—How has the nationalisation of Kolar Gold Mines prevented further action in respect of the K. G. F. Municipal Bill ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—I have just now answered it.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—When do the Government propose to introduce the Bill ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—We propose to introduce the Bill as early as possible.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it not true that this question is pending before the Government of Mysore since 1952 ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Just now a reply was given that they are going to do it as early as possible.

Question time is over.